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PRODUCTION PROMOTER**

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a ceramide production promoter capable of increasing a reduced ceramide in horny layer and so recovering barrier functions and moisturizing function of skin by recovering ceramide production mechanism of living body to be sound.

SOLUTION: This ceramide production promoter comprises a plant, its extract, its steam distillate or its squeezed product of one selected from eucalyptus, hop, ginger, gambir, multiflora rose, horse chestnut, lily, adlay, cattail, loquat, gardenia, Panax ginseng, Saponaria, white birch, hydrangea, clove, safflower, burnet, iris and Sophora as the effective component.